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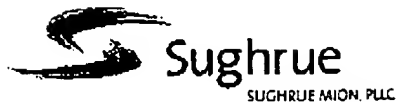
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Subject U.S. Application No. 09/972,902

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Dear Examiner Prasad:

Further to our telephone conversation today, faxed herewith is a copy of the Amendment, as well as the date-stamped filing receipt, as filed in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 29, 2003.

If you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance, please contact me at (202) 663-7425.

Sincerely,

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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

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Sir:

Please review and enter the following remarks summarizing the interview conducted on  
December 16, 2003:

**REMARKS**

An Examiner's Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) provided at the conclusion of the interview. Applicant submits that the Examiner's statement regarding the substance of the interview as set forth on the Interview Summary Record (PTO-413) is correct except for the Examiner's statement regarding "further amendments to overcome Keller". During the interview, independent claims 1 and 15 were discussed with regards to Coleman and Keller. Further, as indicated in the Interview Summary Record, the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, have been overcome, and the prior art rejections based on Coleman would be overcome if claims 1 and 15 are amended to recite a plurality of cushion members. Lastly, Applicant is submitting

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herewith an Amendment containing remarks which reflect the claims, amendments and prior art discussed during the interview.

**It is believed that no petition or fee is required.** However, if the USPTO deems otherwise, Applicant hereby petitions for any extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee, except for the Issue Fee, for such extension is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

Respectfully submitted,



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